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FOR BARRY - IP

FROM MCDONALD

E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: UN, UNDP  
SUBJECT: NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY

1. PER YOUR REQUEST MET WITH BRADFORD MORSE, UNDP ADMINISTRATOR, AUGUST 29 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE UNDP INTEREST IN NEW FUND DESIGNED TO FINANCE NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY PROJECTS (WIND, SOLAR, GEOTHERMAN, ETC.) IN DEVELOPING WORLD. INDICATED US CONSIDERING ASKING CONGRESS FOR \$3.5 MILLION IN FY80 FOR THIS PURPOSE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR UNDP CONTRIBUTION. WE WERE CONCERNED HOWEVER ABOUT HIS SUPPORT FOR IDEA, OPEC'S REACTION AND POSSIBLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM OTHER MAJOR DONORS.

2. MORSE EXPRESSED HIS ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR THIS IDEA AND SAID HE IS CONVINCED THAT OPEC COUNTRIES WOULD NOT OBJECT. THEIR ONLY CONCERN WAS THAT UN NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN PETROLEUM PRICING POLICIES. HE WAS UNSURE HOWEVER ABOUT OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRY'S SUPPORT.

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3. IN DISCUSSING VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES AS TO HOW UNDP MIGHT HANDLE THIS PROGRAM MORSE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT CREATING YET ANOTHER FUND IN UNDP. HE SUGGESTED THAT US MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO PRESENT CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AGREE THAT THIS MONEY MIGHT BE USED FOR ENERGY PROJECTS. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WAS AN EXPANSION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE OF UNDP'S NATURAL RESOURCES

REVOLVING FUNDS.

4. WE AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER DURING THE  
COURSE OF THE NEXT TEN DAYS. WOULD APPRECIATE  
YOUR REACTIONS TO CONVERSATION.  
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